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MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR STUDENT LOAN FRAUD

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced

that NATHAN VOGTS, 27, Ching Mai, Thailand, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment

today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to two counts of

Student Loan Fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States

Department of Education, Office of the Inspector General.

Between May, 1999 and August, 2001, VOGTS, an American citizen, was enrolled in an

undergraduate program at Bond University in Queensland, Australia. Between June 6, 2001 and

May 3, 2002, VOGTS obtained five federally insured student loans totaling approximately

$87,855 from lenders in the United States. To qualify for the loans, VOGTS falsely represented

that he was enrolled in a graduate degree program at the university. VOGTS' enrollment at the

university, however, ceased when he received his undergraduate degree and he was never

enrolled in a graduate degree program at the university. VOGTS used the fraudulently acquired loan proceeds to support himself, to start a business venture, and to seek treatment for a medical condition.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 3 years supervised release following VOGTS' release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, VOGTS will be subject to the supervision of the United States District Court. VOGTS was ordered to make restitution in the amount of $87,855.

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